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FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS FROM AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR GOE OFFICIALS

1. PLEASE CONVEY MY APOLOGIES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT FOR ANY MISUNDERSTANDING OVER MY STATEMENT CONCERNING THE SALE OF AIRCRAFT TO EGYPT. IN MIAMI AND IN PHILADELPHIA I HAD OCCASION TO ADDRESS LARGE JEWISH AUDIENCES AND TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT AND ADMIRATION FOR THE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT.

2. MY MAIN POINT WAS THAT BOTH THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF THE US AND THE SECURITY AND SURVIVAL OF ISRAEL DEPENDED ON THE STABILITY AND SECURITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT, PARTICULARLY THE PERSONAL PRESTIGE OF PRESIDENT SADAT WHICH HE SO BOLDLY RISKED THROUGH HIS PEACE INITIATIVE TO JERUSALEM. I SOUGHT TO EXPLAIN THAT EGYPT WAS SURROUNDED BY NEIGHBORS WHO IN THE PAST HAD PROVED HOSTILE, AND SOVIET INFLUENCE IN LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA COULD BE THREATENING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT. THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY IS VERY MINDFUL OF THIS. IF I ERRED OR OVERSTATED THE CASE, IT WAS BECAUSE MY AUDIENCE WAS NOT VERY RECEPTIVE TO MY POINT OF VIEW.

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3. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE THE KIND OF PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORTS AND INTERPRETATION OF THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH PRESIDENT SADAT BEGAN ON HIS VISIT.

4. AGAIN, PLEASE CONVEY MY APOLOGIES AND MY CONTINUED ADMIRATION. YOUNG

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